

W. C. T. U. Column.



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W. C. T. U. WATCHWORDS:
ORGANIZE! EDUCATE! AGITATE!
W. C. T. U. PRINCIPLES:
 Total Abstinence; Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic; One Standard of Morals for Men and Women; Home Protection; Equal Suffrage; and the Teaching of Scientific Temperance in Public Schools.

Dry Days in the South.

Politicians in the South have come to a realization that the prohibition movement in their region is one which must be taken with the utmost seriousness. The politico-temperance crusade, with its new life and energy, constitutes the most startling development in Southern politics to-day. The advocates of compulsory abstinence are growing more powerful day by day. The movement is not so much against the consumption of whisky and other alcoholic beverages as against saloons, rumshops, bars and the like.

The average American is in the habit of regarding Kentucky, Tennessee, the Carolinas and, in fact, most of the other Southern States, as distinguished for the production and consumption of liquor. It is interesting, in view of this, to have attention directed to the fact that in the State of Kentucky 90 out of 119 counties are "no license." That is to say, in none of the ninety counties will be granted a license to sell liquor. The whole State of Tennessee is "dry" save for the cities of Memphis, Nashville and Chattanooga. In the "dry" districts no alcoholic beverage may be bought—not even a glass of beer or claret with dinner.

The State of Texas is said to contain ninety counties that have abolished saloons. North Carolina, Mississippi and other States of the South tell the same story. Anybody may have spirituous beverages sent to him in any of the "dry" districts, but throughout these regions every saloon has been extirpated. One may travel up and down the rural parts of Kentucky and Tennessee without finding one bar or cross-roads saloon such as may be found in profusion throughout, say, New York, New Jersey or Pennsylvania. —Harper's Weekly.

A definition of what is alleged to be Kansas whiskey has just appeared, which so graphically describes the demon in the ordinary demijohn that it deserves passing on. Here it is: "Kansas whiskey is a concoction of rainwater and jag with about two ounces of knock-out drops to the glass. When you first drink it, it is fire-water and rip-roaring fun; when it gets well soaked in, it is horned toads, dragons and hissing snakes; and when you begin to sober up it is the inside of the calaboose with a dirty wet towel around your head, a nasty feeling in your stomach, the taste of old shoes in your mouth, a painful crack in your belfry, and a despairing wonder as to how you are going to get out and get home without your wife or your best girl getting next."

On June 6th, the United States Brewers' Association convened at Atlantic City to devise ways and means of counteracting the rising temperance sentiment. The vigilance committee read a report, part of which follows: "It is only too apparent that the enemies of our industry have more than held their own in the struggle of the past year. Emboldened by their victories, victories conditioned by a wave of fanaticism, they are planning greater conquests in the future. They are pledged to a war of extermination. The friends of personal liberty and of the square deal could not ask for fairer warning than that of the past year, and we must fight against this prejudice, which has been raised in the minds of the people."

The Supreme Court of Ohio on June 25th, handed down an important decision under the State liquor laws in the case of the State against Linder, coming from Erie county. Linder was prosecuted for operating a saloon in a "dry" township. The court charged the jury that liquor might be given away in a "dry" territory, though it could not be sold. The State took exception to this ruling and carried the case to the Supreme Court. The latter sustained the exception.

The first suffragists recorded in history were the daughters of Zephephad, and were Jewesses. One of the pioneers of the woman suffrage movement in America was a Jewess, Mrs. Ernestine L. Rose, who addressed meetings as early as 1836.

The twelfth annual convention of the American Anti-Saloon League will be held in the large armory, Norfolk, Va., September 16-19, 1907. A strong programme is being prepared. Friday, September 20th, will be National Temperance Day.

It has been decided by the post-office department that letter carriers have the right to sign petitions for local option elections, and remonstrances against the granting of licenses in license States.

Navarro, one of the most populous counties in Texas, after an election of more than ordinary interest, is reported to have rejoined the liquor column by a majority of thirteen votes.

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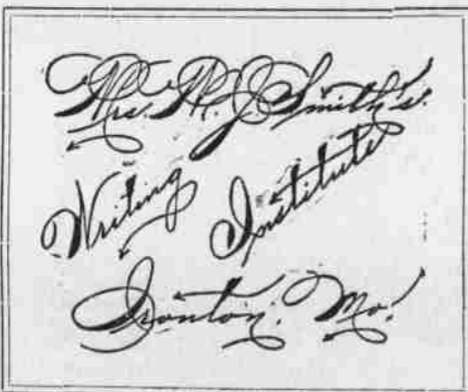
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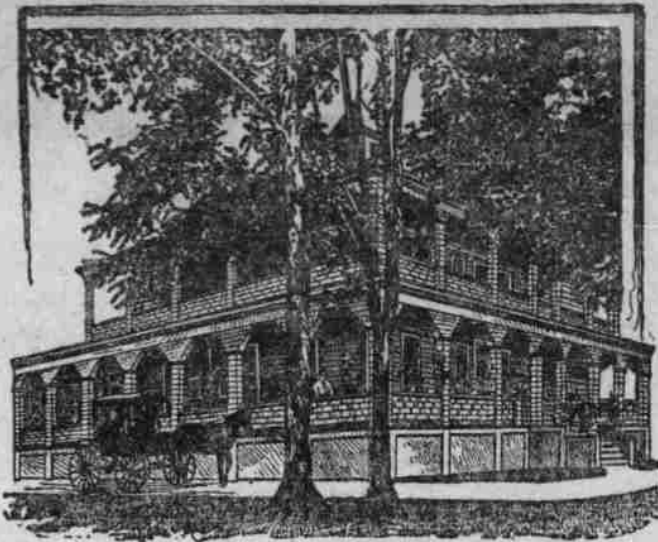
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